

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2005 - FY2010**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Number of Releases	13,565	13,716	13,499	12,807	13,454	12,744
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Within One Year or Less	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	9.9%
Within Two Years or Less	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%	22.8%	20.5%
Within Three Years or Less	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%
Within Four Years or Less	39.1%	38.8%	37.7%	35.6%	33.6%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	42.6%	42.0%	40.9%	38.3%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Overall Rate	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%
Gender						
Males	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%	30.7%	28.8%
Females	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%	20.0%	17.0%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%	20.8%	21.3%
Parole	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%	21.9%	19.3%
Probation	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%	43.2%	38.4%
Community Supervision	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%	21.6%	16.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%	50.0%	44.9%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%	37.2%	34.6%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%	41.1%	37.9%
25-30 Years	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%	28.3%	27.7%
31-40 Years	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%	25.9%	24.7%
Over 40 Years	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%	23.5%	21.1%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%	25.7%	23.0%
Work Program	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%	22.9%	21.8%
Labor Crew	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%	23.1%	21.1%
Labor Crew/Work Program	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%	21.0%
Prison Industry	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%	19.7%	18.3%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%	49.0%	44.0%
Straight-time	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%	26.4%	25.0%
Criminal History						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%	31.4%	29.1%
Had Commitment	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%	32.9%	31.2%
No Known Priors	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%	25.7%	24.5%

* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.